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Golfers,

There are lots of reasons why, during the course of a round, you may pick up your ball without holing out:

- The result of the hole has already been decided.
- In match play, your putt is conceded.
- In Four Ball (Better Ball), your partner has already recorded a better score than you can make, so you pick up.
- You may have reached your *net double bogey* limit (more on *net double bogey* in a later email) and are tired of suffering...

When a player starts a hole and does not hole out for a valid reason, the player must record their *most likely score* or *net double bogey*, whichever is lower.

The *most likely score* is defined as:

- The number of strokes already taken to get to your "pick up point" **plus**
- The number of strokes you would most likely take to complete the hole from that position **plus**
- Any penalty strokes incurred.

Under the current rules, that's it...whatever you judge to be *most likely* is entirely the golfer's judgement. **BUT...under WHS there are guidelines on how to determine your *most likely score*** (I assume to prevent people from recording 20 foot "gimme's"). See the table and diagram below for the new guidance.

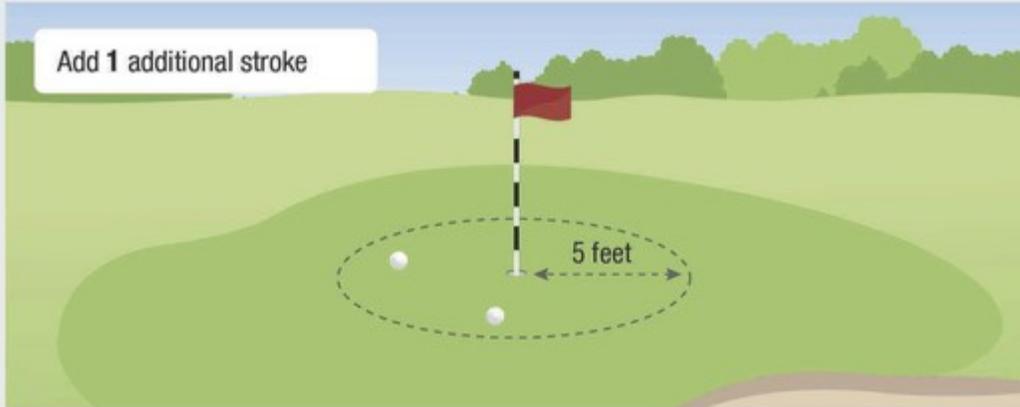
Remember, this rule governs the score you can **post**. If your competitor wants to give you a 20 footer to win the hole, that's between you and him/her, you win the hole. But when you post, that 20 foot "gimme" is worth at least 2, if not 3 strokes.

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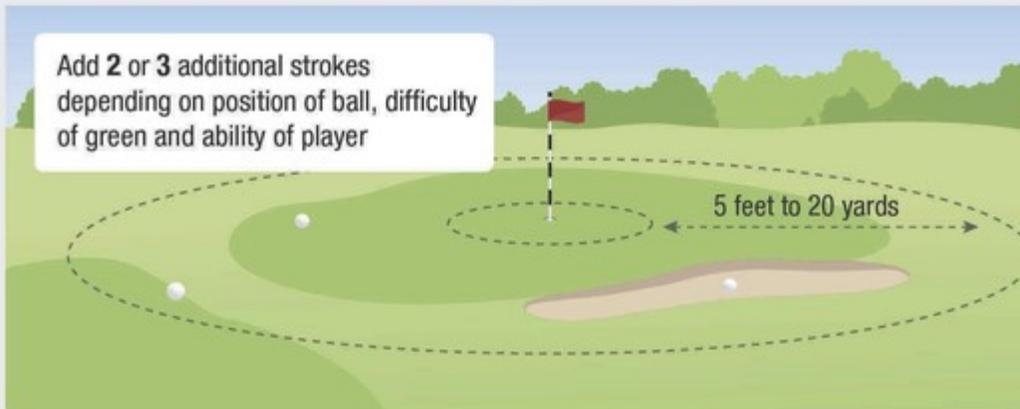
POSITION OF THE BALL	STROKES TO BE ADDED
On the green no more than 5 feet from the hole.	Add 1 additional stroke.
Between 5 feet and 20 yards from the hole.	Add 2 or 3 additional strokes, depending on the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green and the ability of the player.
Beyond 20 yards from the hole.	Add 3 or 4 additional strokes, depending on the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green and the ability of the player.

DIAGRAM 3.3: MOST LIKELY SCORE WHEN A HOLE IS STARTED BUT PLAYER DOES NOT HOLE OUT

▼ If the ball lies on the putting green, no more than 5 feet (1.5 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies between 5 feet (1.5 metres) and 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies more than 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.

